

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: January 31,2001

Place: Room 118

Convened: 9:40 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 10:20 AM

Present: Senators, Sexton-VC, Black-RM, Fink, Greiner
Representatives Drake-CH, Kettering-VC, Mertz-RM, Baudler, Eddie, Hahn,
May, Quirk, Schrader

Excused: Senator Gaskill

Co-Chairman Jack Drake called the meeting to order in Room 118, January 31, 2001, at 9:40 a.m.

The clerk called roll and a quorum was present.

Representative Eddie moved the minutes and they were approved as distributed.

Representative Drake introduced Jim Gulliford of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. He provided an update on the closure of agriculture drainage wells. He said state agencies are cooperating and working together in the closing of Ag drainage wells. Two hundred and ninety two wells have been registered in the State of Iowa. The goal of having all drainage wells closed by December 31, 2001, is attainable. Mr. Gulliford also reported that the United States Government agencies have been difficult to work with and has delayed the project about two years.

Question was asked about livestock producers that are habitual violators and their eligibility for cost share funds. Currently, they are not eligible.

Representative Quirk moved to arise and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Shirley Drake, Secretary